

A CANNED CLASSIC



Over the past 87 years, Spam—Hormel's renowned meat product in a can—has transformed from a mere food into a worldwide pop culture phenomenon. On July 5, 1937, it was first introduced to the world as Hormel Spiced Meat, but shortly thereafter, Ken Daigneau entered the name *Spam* into a naming contest and won \$100 for his efforts. Since then, over nine billion cans of Spam have been sold.

Spam was popular from the moment of its inception. Within one year of its introduction, 18 percent of all American households were enjoying the canned meat. However, it was during World War II that Spam really took off, as it was part of American army rations. Perhaps it is thanks to those American soldiers that the biggest consumers of Spam are residents of tiny islands that served as American military outposts: Guam, Hawaii, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The average Guamanian eats 16 cans of Spam a year. Spam is incorporated into family recipes, eaten at restaurants, and can even be found on burgers at McDonald's and Burger King. Spam is so popular in Hawaii that it is called "The Hawaiian Steak," and other canned meats, such as Armour Treet, are not nearly as popular.

Why has Spam become such a celebrated piece of Americana? Was it the now-famous 1970 sketch by Britain's comedy troupe Monty Python that launched Spam to international stardom? Or is it the curiosity surrounding the meaning of its name or the mystery of its ingredients? We may never know why Spam has become so popular, but the Smithsonian has taken the lead in immortalizing it. Two cans of Spam, one bearing the original packaging and another with an updated design, have been added to the museum's exhaustive collection. It may satisfy Spam's devoted followers to know that their favorite canned meat product is a work of art.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Those born between July 1–22 are Crabs of Cancer. Crabs love family and nurturing others. They may be emotional, kind, and gentle but are never soft. Cancers are strong-willed and tenacious in their search for peace and homeyness. If you were born between July 22–31, you are a Leo, the Lion. Creative and ambitious with magnetic personalities, Leos enjoy the spotlight. Warm, loving, and kind, they make loyal and honorable friends.

*MARYLOU FERRIS ~ JULY 3rd

*RITA GUGLIELMO ~ JULY 6th

*STEVE FINLEY ~ JULY 7, 1941

*BETTY KNICKERBOCKER ~ JULY 20, 1933

*JUDITH LUNDE ~ JULY 27, 1946

Princess Diana (British Royalty) – July 1, 1961

David McCullough (Author) – July 7, 1933

Marty Feldman (Actor) – July 8, 1934

Milton Berle (Actor) – July 12, 1908

Bess Meyerson (Model) – July 16, 1924

Jackie Kennedy (U.S. First Lady) – July 28, 1929

FROM SCOTLAND TO THE WORLD



Depending on your musical tastes, you may or may not enjoy Bagpipe Appreciation Day on July 27. This quintessentially Scottish instrument is traditionally used for almost any occasion.

There are over 200 different types of bagpipes, and variations have been played for centuries in parts of Russia, the Middle East, and Northern Africa. Scotland's Great Highland Bagpipes have earned the most renown. A piper blows air into a blowpipe, which inflates a bag made of elk or sheepskin. Another pipe, a chanter, is held in the piper's hands and is played like a flute. Also rising from the main bag are drone pipes that produce constant bass or tenor notes, providing background to the chanter's melody. The music is unmistakable, and you may appreciate it even more after a glass of scotch. It may not be a coincidence that July 27 is also Scotch Day.

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DEAR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES:

OUR HAWAIIAN LUAU WAS SO MUCH FUN, THANKS TO YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SMILING FACES! I TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR COMPLIMENTS AND POSITIVE FEEDBACK, THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT BIG PARTY WILL BE AT CHRISTMAS TIME, OUR MOST BLESSED AND FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN FORMING A TONE-CHIMES GROUP, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER VISIT US TO ENLIGHTEN US AND SHARE HIS OR HER KNOWLEDGE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT TOPICS OF INTEREST YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT. "KNOWLEDGE IS POWER".

UPCOMING JULY 2024 ACTIVITIES;

JULY 3RD @ 1:00 PM ~ YOUTUBE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDED INSTRUCTIONS OF ACRYLIC PAINTING ON CANVAS. PLEASE COME TO THE ACTIVITIES ROOM AND SHARE YOUR TALENTS.

JULY 6TH @ 3:30 PM ~ 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT HAPPY HOUR TO HONOR AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL.

JULY 9TH @ 2:00 PM ~ JOIN US IN THE DINING ROOM TO MAKE YOUR OWN MINIATURE CHOCOLATE CREAM PIE... THEN WE WILL HAVE A PIE THROWING CONTEST! (Just Kidding!!)

JULY 10TH @ 10:00 AM ~ HAIR CUTS FOR ALL THOSE WITH APPOINTMENTS IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM.

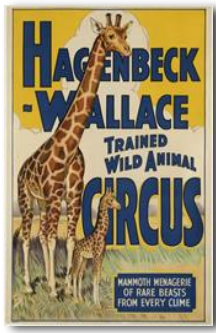
JULY 16TH @ 10:00 AM ~ TRIP TO PLAY INDOOR MINIATURE GOLF AT "MONSTER GOLF" IN CORAL SPRINGS. YOU WILL ENJOY THESE MONSTER-THEMED MINIATURE GOLF GAMES IN AIR CONDITIONING! THE COST IS \$12 FOR SENIORS TO PLAY. PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM.

JULY 17TH @ 2:00 PM ~ "BIRTHDAY FIESTA" WE HAVE FIVE RESIDENTS WITH JULY BIRTHDAYS. SEE YOU THERE TO CELEBRATE THEIR SPECIAL DAY.

JULY 31ST @ 2:00 PM ~ WE WILL BE PAINTING PURE WHITE ROCKS WITH MANY STUNNING PICTURE IDEAS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM. COME AND SET YOUR ARTISTIC SIDE FREE!

Warm Regards, Donna

UNDER THE BIG TOP



Peru, Indiana, calls itself the Circus Capital of the World, and for good reason. For years it was the overwintering home to seven of the world's major circuses. After all those winters, the circus life rubbed off on the residents of Peru, and today they celebrate their Circus City Festival from July 15–20.

Peru's famous circus history began when the successful businessman Colonel Ben Wallace decided to enter the circus business in 1882. He first purchased all the tents, poles, and costumes of a failing circus. He then traveled to Texas to buy some horses. Still unsatisfied, he bought other exotic animals in Chicago and hired a firm to build elaborate and ornate wagons. Wallace might have been new to the circus business, but he spared no expense in assembling the greatest animals and performers of the day. He called it Wallace and Co.'s Great World Menagerie, Grand International Mardi Gras, Highway Holiday Hidalgo, and Alliance of Novelties.

Sadly, in 1884, before he could take his wondrous show on the road, it suffered a horrible fire, and Wallace lost nearly his entire investment. Undaunted, he rebuilt his circus, and it quickly became one of the country's best-known acts. Each winter, upon Wallace's return to Peru, the various performers, workers, and animals joined him. It was a common sight to see elephants walking through town. Children raced to see lions and tigers bathing in the local river. Circus City was born.

Today, the children of Peru practice clowning and flying on the trapeze like other children practice playing baseball. Every July, this youth circus performs during the Circus City Festival. And after the lights go down on the big top, visitors can visit the International Circus Hall of Fame and Museum. Peru is the perfect place to run away and join the circus.

IN THE FAST LANE

With more than 200,000 drive-thru restaurants in America alone, it's easy to see how much people love picking up a meal at a window. Maybe it's because we're so busy that we don't have time to order our meals inside. Or maybe we're just a little lazy. If you're looking for an excuse to grab some fast food, look no further than July 24, Drive-Thru Day.

Jack in the Box purports to have invented the first drive-thru in 1951 at its San Diego eatery. Others claim the drive-thru was conceived by two Texans, one a tobacco salesman and the other a doctor. They teamed up to open Kirby's Pig Stand drive-in restaurant in Dallas in 1921. Whether you drive-thru or drive-in, people have been eating in their cars ever since.

A STICKY CELEBRATION



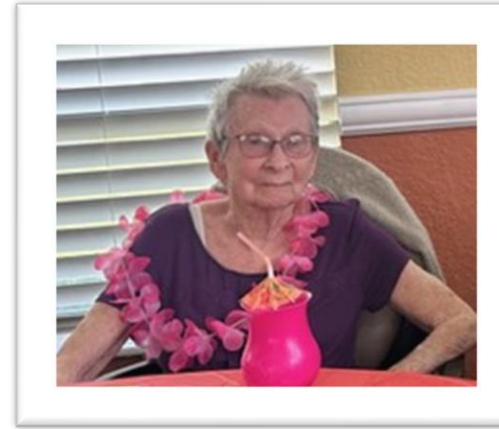
Lollipop. Sucker. Lolly. Sticky pop. Whatever you call them, Lollipop Day falls on July 20. Scientists tell us that even early humans enjoyed these treats, licking and sucking on honey on a stick. The term *lollipops* wasn't used until

1931 when George Smith, owner of the Bradley Smith confectionary company, named a stick candy after his favorite racehorse, Lolly Pop. Some dispute this origin, however, because in England the word *lolly* means "tongue" and *pop* means "slap," so some think that the word *lollipop*, meaning "tongue slap," may have originated in England.

As to the invention of the lollipop itself, some say that in 1905 the McAviney Candy Company may have accidentally invented this hard candy on a stick. The process of boiling the candy required stirring with a stick. At the end of the day, the owner brought the candy-covered sticks home for his children. Three years later, he finally realized he was on to something and began marketing his "used candy sticks."

"RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT"

MARYLOU FERRIS



MARYLOU FERRIS WAS BORN ON JULY 3RD IN KEENEYVILLE, A TINY VILLAGE IN NORTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. WHEN SHE WAS LIVING THERE, THE POPULATION WAS ABOUT 100 PEOPLE! MARY LOU ENJOYED A HAPPY LIFE THERE WITH HER PARENTS AND OLDER SISTER. TWELVE YEARS LATER, THEY WELCOMED A BABY BROTHER.

MARYLOU LOVED HER LITTLE SCHOOL WHICH SAT HIGH ON A HILL NORTH OF TOWN, WHICH WAS ONLY A FIVE MINUTE WALK FROM HOME. THE SCHOOL ONLY HAD TWO FLOORS, GRADES ONE THROUGH FOUR ON THE FIRST FLOOR, AND THE SECOND FLOOR GRADES FIVE THROUGH EIGHT. ONE TEACHER ONLY ON EACH FLOOR! THERE WAS NO RUNNING WATER, THEREFORE, ONLY AN OUTDOOR JOHN WAS AVAILABLE AND IT HAD A BIG OLD FURNACE FOR HEAT. MARY LOU THEN WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL IN WELLSBORO, TEN MILES AWAY AND GRADUATED IN 1951. MARYLOU'S PARENTS COULD NOT AFFORD TO SEND HER AND HER SISTER TO COLLEGE. RURAL LIFE WAS NOT GREAT FOR TEENAGERS. HAD THEY LIVED IN TOWN, SHE COULD HAVE GOTTEN A JOB TO HELP OUT FINANCIALLY. MARYLOU LEFT PENNSYLVANIA AFTER GRADUATION AND MOVED TO NEW YORK, WHERE SHE WORKED FOR AN INSURANCE COMPANY.

MARYLOU GOT MARRIED IN 1955. HER HUSBAND'S JOB REQUIRED RELOCATION TO NEW JERSEY, OHIO AND NEW YORK. MARYLOU WORKED FOR A BANK WHEN FIRST MARRIED. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE BLESSED WITH FOUR CHILDREN AND FORTUNATELY, MARYLOU WAS ABLE TO STAY HOME WITH THEM. THEY WERE A ROWDY BUNCH AND LOVED TO EAT! SHE WAS KEPT BUSY BAKING PIES AND COOKING MEALS ALONG WITH HOUSEHOLD DUTIES IN A FIVE BEDROOM HOME. MARYLOU WAS INVOLVED IN MANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES. MARYLOU'S HOBBIES WERE A WEEKLY BRIDGE CLUB, RESTORING FURNITURE, READING & ENTERTAINING FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. AFTER THE KIDS WERE GROWN, MARYLOU WORKED FOR H&R BLOCK FOR MANY SEASONS.

AFTER HER HUSBAND RETIRED, THEY ESCAPED THE COLD AND MOVED TO PORT CHARLOTTE ON THE GULF COAST. THEY SPENT TIME IN THE SUMMERS AT THEIR COTTAGE ON THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, THOUSAND ISLANDS. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE. THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY RUNS FROM THE GREAT LAKES ALL THE WAY TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. FROM HER PORCH WAS A FANTASTIC VIEW OF ALL THE SHIPS. HER FAMILY ENJOYED SWIMMING, WATER SKIING & BOATING~ESPECIALLY PICNICS OUT ON THE BOAT.

THAT WAS THE LIFE AND MARYLOU CHERISHES THE MANY MEMORIES SHE HOLDS DEAR TO HER HEART.

AFTER MARYLOU LOST HER HUSBAND SHE MOVED TO BOCA RATON TO BE CLOSE TO HER DAUGHTER. MARYLOU ENJOYS LIVING HERE AT ADVENT SQUARE AND PLANS TO STAY, UNLESS OF COURSE SHE WINS THE LOTTERY!

MALLETS AND MADNESS

During July, in the green parks of Portland, Oregon, you might hear deep and resounding thuds, along with the dainty tinkling of teacups. If so, you may have discovered the strange world of Mondo Croquet. The rules of this backyard lawn game are almost identical to the original game from England, complete with period costumes and a picnic of tea and finger sandwiches. But instead of mallets, players wield sledgehammers, and in lieu of small croquet balls, they knock bowling balls through massive steel hoops. Sure, the occasional bowling ball cracks under the pressure, but players are allowed to continue their round using the biggest remaining piece. And there is one additional rule: once a player finishes a round, they are allowed to continue play with the sole purpose of knocking out other players' balls. If that doesn't sound fair, it should be noted that fairness isn't the purpose of the game. The goal of the game is to have fun, and when it comes to Mondo Croquet, the bigger the fun the better!

PROTECTING THE WILD



The International Ranger Federation, a worldwide consortium of park rangers and uniformed conservationists, was founded on July 31, 1992. In 2007, July 31 was officially dedicated as World Ranger Day, a day to honor all the

hardworking men and women who put their lives on the line to protect the world's wild places.

How should you celebrate? Visit a park and thank a ranger in person. Donate to your local park or conservation fund. Light a candle for the brave rangers who have died in the line of duty. After all, rangers have the responsibility of protecting over 100,000 parks and conservation areas worldwide. That's more than 10 percent of Earth's entire landmass!